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Dear District 10 Residents and Friends,

When I took office in 2005, I made a firm commitment to increase communication between the District 10 community and my office. This newsletter is one of the ways I plan to enhance that relationship. For many of you this may be the first time you are receiving my monthly newsletter. I encourage you to take a look and discover the latest in policy and events occurring within our District.

District 10 is an exciting and dynamic community to live and work in, but as our district continues to grow we face a number of challenges. One of the most notable is District 10's lack of fields, or to be more precise, lack of adequate space for local fields. Over the last 18 months my office has studied over 30 potential sites and made offers on two of them, to no avail. Last Friday members of the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League (AVYSL), San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD), City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) and my office met to discuss the current lack of space for soccer fields. I am happy to say that the meeting went well and that we have a plan of action.

First, my office and PRNS have started the temporary permitting process for the Burchell portion of T.J. Martin Park. This will allow AVYSL to utilize this section of the park while SJUSD is renovating a number of fields normally used by the League. A community meeting with residents in the area will take place within the next 2 months to better inform residents of the short-term impacts.

Second, PRNS, AVYSL, and I will begin to meet regularly to start cataloging and researching locations in District 10 for possible development of sports fields. It is my hope that this task-force can help solve the field shortage we currently face.

Lastly, I will bring a proposal to my colleagues on the City Council for a citywide "Community Sports Field Feasibility Study." This study will:

- Identify, inventory, and classify all existing field facilities in the City;
- Determine the extent of the current and latent unmet needs demand; and
- Identify sites in each council district for the development of athletic fields.

This study will enable the City to understand the increased demand for athletic fields in San Jose and improve the quality of life for City residents by providing the recreational opportunities they desire. If you do not wish to receive future issues of this newsletter, please feel free to scroll down and click the "OPT OUT BUTTON." However, it is my hope that we can work together to assess our community's needs and endeavor towards solutions which satisfy every District 10 resident. Keeping you informed and receiving your valuable feedback is the best way to achieve this goal. I encourage you to keep reading and I look forward to working with you to make our District the best that it can be.

Best wishes,

Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten



Nancy chats with a local resident in front of her booth at the 30th Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival

Legislative Update

PRNS Next Generation Website Project –

In partnership with San Jose State University (SJSU), PRNS and IT staff have started working with three SJSU honor students on revamping the PRNS website to enhance the end user experience by integrating interactive maps, database searches, improved graphics and design layout. This project will allow residents access to information on their local community centers, trails, parks and recreational programs.

Community For A Lifetime – Ten Year Strategic Plan for Seniors –

Last year, the City and County completed an update of the City's Aging Master Plan. This effort resulted in a new joint aging strategic document titled; "Community for a Lifetime – A Ten Year Strategic Plan to Advance the Well-Being of Older Adults in Santa Clara County." To celebrate recent accomplishments of this joint strategic document, the City and County hosted a joint press conference on October 5th at the G.I. Forum Center. This event compliments the 15th Annual Adult Services Resources Fair.

Business Tax Amnesty Program Update –

The Business Tax Amnesty Program is a general pardon for penalties and interest for businesses that have failed to register their business tax account during the period August 1, 2003 to September 29, 2006. The business tax will be assessed for three years which will include two prior years and the current year regardless of the start date of business. For a business, which is registering for the first time, they can only qualify for the Business Tax Amnesty program during this period. Outstanding penalties and interest for businesses that have paid the required tax but not the interest prior to the amnesty, will also be forgiven.

To date, total collections from almost 2000 accounts total \$378,000. Notices have been mailed to over 35,000 businesses. It helps fund the Fire and Police department as well as libraries, parks, street, and other general fund services.

Community Guide to Planning –

I am pleased to share the City of San Jose's Community Guide to Planning. The Community Guide offers an award-winning introduction to land use planning and development for people unfamiliar with the process in the City, as well as for those already acquainted with the practice who want to learn more.

This resource is designed for residents, business owners and property owners, as well as for developers interested in building in San Jose. The Community Guide highlights the opportunity to make a significant difference in the community by becoming actively involved in the planning process.

San Jose's planning process is designed to encourage input from the public through a variety of forums, such as at community meetings and public hearings; and, in doing so, to enable individuals to make a genuine contribution to the future of San Jose.

The Community Guide includes information on planning basics, land use and development as well as additional resources. To view the Community Guide, visit http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/counter/planning_sanjose/default.asp.

Make An Impact in District 10!



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community?
For more information, please contact the
District 10 office at (408) 535-4910.*

The San Jose Police Dept. Needs Men & Women School Crossing Guards!

Why not earn extra income working 10 hrs per week – 1 hr in the morning / 1 hr in the afternoon – earning \$15.12 - \$18.37 per hr. at 2 hrs per day!

For details, call 277-4553. Apply online at www.csj.gov or pick up an application at 1671 The Alameda, Suite #100 San Jose, Ca 95126

Are you an amazing Chef? Do you have a incredible talent when it comes to ceramics?

Then the Almaden Community Center needs you as a new ceramics teacher or cooking teacher!

All teachers must be accredited. If you are interested in this great opportunity, please contact the **Almaden Community Center** at **(408) 268-1133**.

Take a stand against gangs! Take part in the Mayor's Gang Prevention Taskforce Parent Awareness Training

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force is holding a training session for parents and students concerned about gang activity on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. on the Pioneer High School campus. **Please contact Pioneer High School at (408) 535-6310 for more information.**

Buy a book, support your local library!

The Friends of the Almaden Library will hold their first major book sale in the beautiful new **Almaden library / community center on Saturday October 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The new building will easily accommodate the entire sale in the spacious Community Room next to the library entrance. All the materials are 'gently used' donations from community members, and are sold at bargain prices. **The last hour of the sale, from 2-3 p.m., is a super-bargain, with most materials going for \$5 for an entire grocery bag filled as full as the shopper can get it.** All sales go to provide funding for such items as the Children's summer reading program, author visits, special collections, musical performances and more!

District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events

- **Stiffer fines for removing trees without a permit –**
Residents & companies who remove trees in San Jose without a permit will face stiffer fines starting July 7th, 2006. Fines apply to street trees greater than six ft. tall in the public right of way and to trees on private property with a trunk larger than 56" in circumference. For information on street tree permits, contact the City Arborist at (408) 277-2762 or arborist@sanjoseca.gov.
Anyone witnessing an illegal tree removal in progress in San Jose should contact the City's 24-hour Customer Service **Call Center at (408) 535-3500.**
- **Homework Help for Busy Parents –**
For those times when the homework assignment has you just as stumped as they are, just log on to www.sjlibrary.org/services/reference/live_homework.htm & click the link for **Live Homework Help**. Enter the grade level & subject matter. Connect in minutes to a tutor in the Online Classroom for expert help. For more information, call your neighborhood library or (408) 808-2000.
- **Pumpkins in the Park – October 14th, 2006**
On Saturday, October 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Friends of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens will be hosting the **11th annual Pumpkins in the Park, a harvest festival on the banks of the Guadalupe River**. The purpose of the event is to promote awareness and use of the park and to highlight the unique river environment. The event will be held at Discovery Meadow, 180 Woz Way (just North of the Children's Discovery Museum). Visit www.grpg.org for more information.
- **Join the Almaden Business Association on Wednesday, October 25th for the ABA Community Service Blood Drive** held at the Almaden Community Center. Stop by throughout the day to donate blood for a great cause!
- **SOUL BOWL 2006 – Bowling for Children**
Fit for the King International and SOUL Mag. are teaming up to present an evening of fun, food, celebrities, prizes and bowling for the benefit of needy children on **Wednesday, October 18th, 2006** at the newly remodeled **300 San Jose bowling facility** (previously known as Oakridge Lanes). Proceeds from this event will benefit the San Juan Bautista Child Development Center and CAR (Community Association for Rehabilitation).

Councilmember Nancy Pyle & Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez invite you to
District 10's Annual Emergency Preparedness Forum
Wednesday, October 18th @ 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join the City of San Jose's Emergency Preparedness Director Kimberly Shunk as she discusses ways to stay safe and remain prepared in the event of a natural disaster. Join Councilmember Pyle and Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez for an evening of education and light refreshments **at the Almaden Library & Community Center (6445 Camden Ave. Center)**. For more information, please call the District 10 office.



**San Jose's Finest survey the area at the
30th Annual Almaden Valley
Art & Wine Festival**

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www.sanjoseca.gov/district10**

Neighborhood Center

Community Calendar

Build It Green Home Tour

Have you ever wondered what a "Green Building" looks like, and how it helps the environment and your family? The City of San José's Environmental Services Department and Build It Green, a non-profit environmental organization, whose mission is to promote healthy and resource efficient buildings, present the first-ever Green Home Tour in Santa Clara County. The self-guided tour will provide a glimpse inside 11 of the Bay Area's greenest homes. For more information, visit www.BuildItGreen.org or call 1.888.404.7336.

Daffodil Days are Back!

Do you have a community group looking for a one day project in the fall? Each fall 30,000 daffodil bulbs are planted with the help of hundreds of volunteers in all ten San Jose City Council Districts. The Office of San José Beautiful is once again inviting schools, neighborhoods, and other community-volunteer groups to participate on this year's planting day, November 4, 2006. This is a citywide community spirit project. This year California native bulbs will be introduced with a sample packet given with each order of daffodil bulbs. Please go to www.keepsjbeautiful.org and use the online reservation form, or call 408.723.1574 to reserve your daffodils. Bulb Distribution will be October 14th and 21st from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00:p.m. at Kirk Community Center, 1601 Foxworthy Avenue.

Local Grants for Neighborhood Groups

The following is a list of grant programs that may be helpful to local neighborhood associations:

- **Community Action & Pride (CAP)** – www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/grants/capgrantinfo.asp
- **San Jose Beautiful** – www.sjbeautiful.org
- **Sharks Foundation (SJ Sharks)** – www.sjsharks.com (click Community)
- **The Valley Foundation** – www.valley.org
- **Community Arts Fund** – www.artscouncil.org
- **Applied Materials Excellence in the Arts** – www.artscouncil.org
- **Community Investment Grants & Neighborhood Grants Program** – www.cfsv.org
- **CompassPoint** – www.compasspoint.org
- **Foundation Center** – www.fdncenter.org
- **Neighborhood Development Center** – To request information on upcoming grant writing workshop dates, please call (408) 723-4114.

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at **200 East Santa Clara Street**. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006: 9:45 AM-11:00 AM
Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2006: 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
District 8 Day in the Park
Lake Cunningham Park; 2305 S. White Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006: 7:30 PM-8:30PM
Montevideo Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006: 7:00 PM-9:00PM
AVCA, VEP Joint Mayoral Forum
Gunderson High School Theater;
622 Gaudabert Lane

Monday, Oct. 16, 2006: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Action Council (NAC) Monthly Meeting
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
D-10 Emergency Preparedness Forum
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
D-10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006: 7:30 PM-9:00PM
VEP Monthly Meeting
Vista Park Community Room;
(intersection -Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Dr.)

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA) General Meeting
Sakamoto Elementary; 6280 Shadelands Dr

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006:
Daylight Savings Ends
Don't forget "Spring Forward, Fall Back"

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